



Short St. Gallery

Miriam Baadjo

Born 1957
Language Group Kukatja
Region Balgo



Biography

In the early stages of Miriam's artistic career, she explored the expression of her Tjukurpa (creation stories and lore) through the medium of glass, and screen printing at the Adult Education Centre.

When she was granted permission by the Elders to paint, Miriam began painting her Uncle's dreaming, Wimmitji Tjapangarti (deceased). Her paintings are infused with the powerful spirituality taught to her by Wimmitji when she was just a young girl.

She is a vibrant, traditional woman and the strength of her artistic merits and commitment to the cultural learnings are imbued in every painting. Miriam's commitment to painting as a vehicle to express her cultural stories is combined with her love of colour mixing and a continually improving her technical abilities.

Miriam has exhibited widely in groups exhibitions both nationally and internationally.

Miriam's work Watkutjarra inspired composer Nora Lewis to create a musical piece 'Onsight' performed by the Darwin Symphony Orchestra. She travelled to Tokyo, Japan as part of the Motika Project in which she painted an Audi motorcar alongside fellow Balgo artists including Helicopter Tjungurrayi and Imelda Yukenbarri.

Miriam has been a finalist in the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Art Awards (NATSIAA) and her glass work is in the Art Gallery of Western Australia collection.

Group Exhibitions

2023 Desert Mob – Araluen arts Centre, Alice Springs



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2023	Wakaminpa Laltu, Tjukurpa Laltu – Aboriginal Contemporary, Sydney
2023	Kutjuwarrainpala Tutjulu Wakaminpa: all women painting together – Paul Johnstone Gallery, Darwin
2023	Balgo Cool – Short Street Gallery, Broome
2022	Balgo on the Stock Route – Art Mob, Hobart
2022	Desert Mob – Araluen Art Centre, Alice Springs
2021	Revealed Online Marketplace 2021
2020	Tamanthi Art Fair (featured artist) – Lot Fourteen, Adelaide
2020	Desert Mob – Araluen Arts Centre, Alice Springs
2020	Kuwarrijanluya Wakaminpa: A New Generation Are Doing It Now – Paul Johnstone Gallery, Darwin
2020	Art Paris Art Fair, Arts d'Australie – Stephane Jacob, Grand Palais, Paris, France
2019	Wirrimanu Balgo Artists - Japingka Aboriginal Art, Fremantle
2019	Desert River Sea: Kimberley Art Then & Now - Art Gallery of Western Australia, Perth
2018	Warlayirti Artists - Darwin Aboriginal Art Fair, Darwin
2018	Revealed: New and Emerging WA Artists - Fremantle Art Centre, WA
2017	Salon des Refuses - Charles Sturt University Gallery, Darwin
2015	Warlayirti Artists – Art from Balgo - Art Atrium, Sydney
2014	Warlayirti: the Art of Balgo - RMIT, Melbourne, Araluen Art Centre, Alice Springs
2014	Warlayirti Artists - Darwin Aboriginal Art Fair, Darwin
2014	Balgo: Past & Present - Cooee Gallery, Sydney2013Desert Mob Exhibition - Araluen Cultural Precinct, Alice Springs, NT
2013	Warlayirti Artists - Darwin Aboriginal Art Fair, Darwin2013Into the Future – Emerging Talent - COO-EE Gallery, Bondi Beach, NSW
2013	Marika Wangka- Warlayirti Artist - Yaama Ganu Gallery & Café Gali, Moree
2013	Convergence, Warlayirti Artists - Short St Gallery, Broom
2013	Balgo Survey - Gallery Gabrielle Pizzi, Melbourne, Vict.
2013	Nora & Friends - Suzanne O'Connell Gallery, New Farm Qld
2012	Watermark - the Signature of Life - , IDAIA, Hong Kong
2012	Warlayirti Artists - Artkelch Pro Community, Freiburg, Grassi Museum Leipzig, Fabrik Der Kunste, Hamburg and Galerie Gunzburg Bodensee (Lake Constance), Germany
2012	Balgo 2012 - Gallery Gabrielle Pizzi, Melbourne
2011	Desert Mob - Araluen Center, Alice Springs
2011	Balgo 2011 - Gallery Gabrielle Pizzi, Melbourne
2011	Balgo 2011 - Redot Gallery, Singapore
2010	Desert Mob - Araluen Centre, Alice Springs, NT
2010	Ingalmipa Tjuntu - Singing Songs We sing the country and thats how we find the way – ReDot Fine Art Galleries, Audi ForumBuilding, Tokyo
2010	Balgo Survey – ReDot Gallery, Singapore
2009	Lamparta Tjanu Nyami, Alcaston Gallery, Melbourne



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2008	Desert Mob, Araluen Art Centre, Alice Springs, NT
2008	Revealed, Emerging Artists from WA Aboriginal Art Centres, Central TAFE Gallery, Perth, WA
2008	The Power of Observation, Emerging Artists Exhibition, Gallery Gondwana, Alice Springs, NT
2008	Wirrimanu: Aboriginal Art from Balgo, Outstation, Darwin, NT
2008	2 x2 Sisters, All One Family, Alcaston Gallery, Melbourne, VIC

Collections

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Awards

2020	Finalist, The Jury Art Prize, Port Hedland
2008	Nominee, Telstra Art Awards, Darwin, NT

Bibliography

2019	Lane, Carly, Galatis, Emilia and Carboni, Stephoni (ed). Desert River Sea: Portraits of the Kimberley, UWA Publishing
2014	Healy, Jacqueline (ed), Warlayirti: The Art of Balgo RMIT Gallery, Melbourne